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## **Sen. Laura Toy's bill to honor 10th Mountain Division signed into law**

**LANSING** – Legislation sponsored by state Sen. Laura M. Toy, 6th District, to designate the portion of Highway US-24 (Telegraph Road) that runs through Wayne County as the “10th Mountain Division Memorial Highway” was signed into law last week.

“I felt it was important to recognize the unique and vital contribution of the 10th Mountain Division of the U.S. Army,” said Sen. Toy who serves as chair of the Senate Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs Committee. “I am hopeful that this designation will also encourage more Michiganders to become familiar with their role in securing America’s past, present and future.”

Established during World War II, the 10th Mountain Division specialized in mountain climbing and skiing and was instrumental in defeating the German army in the Apennine Mountains. Disbanded after the war, the division was reactivated in 1985 to serve in a broader capacity in missions across the globe, including conflicts in the Middle East and Africa.

“I appreciate all of Senator Toy’s hard work on this,” said Roy Puckett, a World War II veteran from Sen. Toy’s district who fought with the 10th Mountain Division and approached her about sponsoring the legislation. “This is truly a great homage to the men I served with and to future generations of brave soldiers who serve in this elite unit.”

Senate Bill 624 becomes Public Act 2 of 2006.

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